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NOTIFICATION

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No. 43/9/55-Public. I.—In pursuance of the provisions contained in Article 344 of the Constitution, the President hereby constitutes a Commission (to be called the Official Language Commission) consisting of Shri B. G. Kher as Chairman and the following as members:—

1. Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua, Head of the Assamese Department, Gauhati University, Gauhati,—Assam.
2. Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Chairman, West Bengal Legislative Council, Calcutta,—West Bengal.
3. Shri Magenbhai Desai, Gujrat Vidyapitha, Ahmedabad,—Bombay.
4. Shri D. C. Pavate, Vice-Chancellor, Karnatak University,—Bombay.
5. Professor P. N. Pushp, Amar Singh College, Srinagar,—Kashmir.
6. Shri M. K. Raja, Editor, 'Dinabandhu' Ernakulam,—Travancore-Cochin.
7. Dr. P. Subbarayan, Member, Rajya Sabha, Madras,—Madras.
8. Shri G. P. Nene, Rashtrabhasha Bhavan, Poona,—Bombay.
9. Dr. P. K. Parija, Pro-Chancellor, Utkal University, Cuttack,—Orissa.
10. Sardar Teja Singh, Ex-Chief Justice, PEPSU, Patiala,—PEPSU.
11. Shri M. Satyanarayana, Member Rajya Sabha, Madras,—Madras.
12. Dr. Babu Ram Saksena, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, Allahabad,—Uttar Pradesh.
13. Dr. Abid Hussain, Jamia Millia, Delhi,—Delhi.
14. Dr. Amar Nath Jha, Chairman, Public Service Commission, Patna,—Bihar.
15. Dr. R. P. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, Saugor University, Saugor,—Madhya Pradesh.
16. Shri Balkrishna Sharma, M.P., Delhi,—Delhi.
17. Shri Mauli Chander Sharma, Delhi,—Delhi.
18. Dr. Hazari Prasad Dwivedi, Head of the Department of Hindi, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras,—Uttar Pradesh.
19. Shri Jal Narain Vyas, Jaipur,—Rajasthan.

20. Shri M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, Delhi,—
Madras.

It shall be the duty of the Commission to make recommendations to the President as to—

- (a) the progressive use of the Hindi language for the official purposes of the Union;
- (b) restrictions on the use of the English language for all or any of the official purposes of the Union;
- (c) the language to be used for all or any of the purposes mentioned in Article 348 of the Constitution;
- (d) the form of numerals to be used for any one or more specified purposes of the Union;
- (e) the preparation of a time schedule according to which and the manner in which Hindi may gradually replace English as the official language of the Union and as a language for communication between the Union and State Governments and between one State Government and another.

2. In making their recommendations, the Commission shall have due regard to the industrial, cultural and scientific advancement of India, and the just claims and the interests of persons belonging to the non-Hindi speaking areas in regard to the public services.

3. The Commission may—

- (a) obtain such information as they may consider useful for or relevant to any matter under their consideration whether by asking for written memoranda or by examining witnesses, or in such form and in such manner as they may consider appropriate, from the Central Government, the State Governments, the Supreme Court, the High Courts, the Legislatures and such other authorities, organisations or individuals as may, in the opinion of the Commission, be of assistance to them;
- (b) regulate their own procedure, including the fixing of places and time of their sittings and deciding whether to sit in public or in private;
- (c) appoint such and so many Sub-Committees from amongst their members to exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be delegated to them by the Commission;
- (d) visit or depute any of their Sub-Committees to visit such parts of the territory of India as they consider necessary or expedient;
- (e) act, notwithstanding the temporary absence of any member or the existence of any vacancy among the members.

4. The Commission shall consider the evidence obtained by them and make their recommendations to the President as soon as may be practicable but not later than the 30th day of April 1956.

By order of the President.
V. VISWANATHAN, Jt. Secy